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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN, SF

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO INSPECTION REPORT

FOR AF/S DIRECTOR O'NEILL FROM DCM

1. REGRET DELAY IN RESPONSE TO INSPECTION REPORT WHICH IS BEING
SUBMITTED IN COURIER POUCH THIS WEEK. YOU WILL RECALL MY REQUEST
FOR DELAYED SUBMISSION DURING TELECON ON DIGGS VISIT.

2. QUICK SUMMARY OF REPLIES TO NUMBERED RECOMMENDATIONS APPLICABLE
TO EMBASSY PRETORIA/CAPE TOWN FOLLOWS:

NOS. 1-8. EMBASSY HAS NO PROBLEM WITH PRINCIPAL RECOMMENDATION
AND ESPECIALLY ENDORSES CALL FOR AF TO BUDGET FOR BETTER OFFICE
SPACE FOR CONGEN JOHANNESBURG.

NO. 11. EMBASSY FINDS DEFINITE NEED FOR 3-MAN POLITICAL
SECTION, RATHER THAN NEW ADMIN POSITION IN CAPE TOWN, BUT WILL
EXPERIMENT WITH KEEPING 3RD OFFICER IN PRETORIA DURING PARLIAMENT.

NO. 17. WHILE ACTION RESTS WITH DEPT, RSO HOLDS VIEW
SECOND RSO POSITION JUSTIFIED BY CONSIDERABLE TERRITORY RSO
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IS EXPECTED TO COVER, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT UNSETTLED CONDITIONS

IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

NO. 22. DEFICIENCIES CORRECTED.

NO. 23. RFBO INSTRUCTIONS BEING REVISED. CASHIERS INSTRUCTED
AND USING FS-459 PROPERLY.

NO. 24. FORM FS-459 SENT TO POSTS.

NO. 25. VISITS WILL BE MADE FREQUENTLY AS FUNDS PERMIT.
VISITS MADE TO CAPE TOWN, DURBAN, GABORONE SINCE AUG 74.

NOS. 26 AND 27. GSO VISITED DURBAN AND JOHANNESBURG TWICE
AND CAPE TOWN ONCE SINCE AUG 74 AND COUNSELED FSLs ON PROCEDURES.

NO. 31. MEMO EXPLAINING FSL COMPENSATION PLAN GIVEN ALL
FSLs JULY 1, 1974.

NO. 32. BLS WAGE SCHEDULES ARE PREPARED BY BLS ADMIN OFF.

NO. 33. EMBASSY MONITORS LOCAL INCREASES; LAST REVISION MADE
JULY 21, 1974.

NO. 34. EMBASSY NOTES ONLY ONE RESIGNATION SINCE JULY.

NO. 35. INTERIM QUESTIONNAIRE SUBMITTED AND ALLOWANCES
INCREASE IN OCT 74. REGULAR REPORT SUBMITTED DEC 74.

NOS. 39-43. THESE CALL FOR DEPT ACTION; RECOMMENDATIONS CAUSE
NO PROBLEM FOR EMBASSY, BUT THERE APPEARS TO BE SOME CONFUSION
BETWEEN STAFFING PATTERN POSITION NUMBERS AND POSITION SKILL
CODES IN NO. 39 AND ON PAGE 20 OF BASIC REPORT. THESE NUMBERS
AND PRESENTLY AUTHORIZED GRADES SHOULD BE REVERIFIED BY AF/EX.

NO. 44. THE FSL POSITION WAS RELEASED FOR PRIORITY
NEEDS ELSEWHERE.

NO. 45. DELAYED IRON AND STEEL REPORT SUBMITTED;
PETROLEUM STATISTICS REMAIN UNAVAILABLE UNDER LOCAL SECRECY LAWS;
OTHER CERP REQUIREMENTS UNDER CONTINUING REVIEW FOR COMPLIANCE.
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NO. 46. REVISED STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES WAS
RELEASED IN SEPT 74; NEW SURVEY OF CURRENT PRACTICES HAS JUST
BEGUN; EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS IN THIS FIELD AS RECOMMENDED.

NO. 47. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE GUIDANCE TO CONSULATES GENERAL
AS NEEDED.

NO. 48. EMBASSY AGREES WITH RECOMMENDATION WHICH REPRESENTS CONTINUING EMBASSY POLICY. LABOR AND AGRIC ATTACHES HAVE TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY IN FY75. MINERALS ATTACHE IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN NEXT FEW WEEKS.

NO. 49. EMBASSY ALREADY HAS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ECONOMIC REPORTING IN NAMIBIA, BUT DELEGATES SECTORS ON FISHERIES TO CAPE TOWN AND MINERALS TO HOHANNESBURG. RESPONSIBLE SAG AGENCY FOR FISHERIES IS LOCATED IN CAPE TOWN, MINERALS ATTACHE IS IN JOHANNESBURG, AND RELATIVELY FEW COMMERCIAL INQUIRIES CAN BE HANDLED BEST BY JOHANNESBURG COMMERCIAL STAFF. EMBASSY DOES NOT THEREFORE CONCUR IN NO. 49, WHICH WAS NOT DISCUSSED BY INSPECTORS DURING THEIR VISIT.

NOS. 53 AND 54. AS DEPT AWARE, EMBASSY IS CONTINUING ITS REPRESENTATIONS TO SAG ON VISA MATTER WHICH REMAINS ONGOING PROBLEM DESPITE INITIAL SUCCESS IN GETTING SAG AGREEMENT IN NOV 74 TO PROVIDE 1-YEAR MULTIPLBINNTRY VISAS.

NO. 55. BOTH EMBASSY AND USIS HEARTILY CONCUR.

NO. 56. EMBASSY AND DAO CONCUR, ALTHOUGH AS ALREADY NOTED BY THE REPORT DAO QUESTIONS SOME OF THE ARGUMENTATION AND DISPUTES CONCLUSION THAT SA HAS NO ALTERNATIVE TO GOOD RELATIONS WITH US IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

NO. 57 AND 58. EMBASSY AGREES WE SHOULD CONTINUE APPROACH HOMELAND ISSUE CIRCUMSPECTLY, GIVE PROMINENT CONSIDERATION TO ATTITUDE OF BLACK AFRICAN STATES, AND URGE SAG TO BEAR PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ECONOMIC SUPPORT TO ANY HOMELANDS THEY MAKE INDEPENDENT. THIS IS OBVIOUSLY KEY POLICY ISSUE WHICH MUST REMAIN UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW AND DISCUSSION WITH DEPT.

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NO. 59. INVENTORY TAKEN JUNE 74. ANOTHER WILL BE TAKEN IN FIRST HALF 1975. EXPENDABLE SUPPLY SPOT CHECKS BEING MADE.

NO. 60. PROCEDURES IN 6 FAM 233 ARE IN EFFECT NOW.

NO. 61. INVENTORY TAKEN AND BEING REPORTED TO A/ART.

NO. 62. EMBASSY PLANS SURBEY VEHICLE PROBLEMS PRIOR TO REQUESTING SHORTER REPLACEMENT CYCLE FROM A/OPR/ST.

NO. 73. EMBASSY WILL COMPLY WITH 6 FAM 516 INSOFAR AS PRACTICABLE. BONDING OF MANAGER BELIEVED UNNCEESSARY AS MANGER ALWAYS DEPENDENT OF USG AMERICAN EMPLOYEE; BONDING ALSO EXPENSIVE AND BEYOND COMMISSARY MEANS. INSURANCE NOT CONSIDERED NECESSARY AS COMMISSARY IS IN SECURE AREA.

NOS. 74-77. ACCOUNTING AND CASH CONTROL REVISED TO MEET
RECOMMENDATION. FUNDS DEPOSITED AT LEAST WEEKLY; RECEIPTED INVOICES
BEING OBTAINED; POSTINGS MAINTAINED ON CURRENT BASIS.

3. RE UNNUMBERED MEMORANDUM ON CONSULAR OPERATIONS IN WHICH
INSPECTORS SUGGEST CONSULAR POSITION IN PRETORIA COULD BE
ABOLISHED IF SAG OVSERVED 1956 VISA AGREEMENT, EMBASSY FORESEES
CONTINUING NEED FOR CONSULAR SERVICES IN PRETORIA, EVEN IF VISA
PROBLEM CAN BE EASED. ALTHOUGH OFFICER NEED NOT BE CONSULAR
CONE SPECIALIST AND CAN IN FACT PARTICIPATE IN OTHER WORK
(E.G., POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REPORTING), BURDEN OF DEALING WITH
DFA AND OTHER CENTRAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ON CONSULAR TYPE
MATTERS WILL CONTINUE REQUIRE AN OFFICER TO DO THIS WORK.
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